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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY CHIEF SECRETARIAT (ENVIRONMENT)

(G.O. Ms. No. 11/Envt./2011, dated 31st March 2011)

NOTIFICATION

The following draft rules are proposed to be issued under section 57 read with section 16 of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001 (52 of 2001), so as to constitute a fund to be called the 'Puducherry Energy Conservation Fund' for promotion of efficient use of energy and its conservation within the Union territory of Puducherry and for administration of the fund. The draft rules are hereby published for information of all persons likely to be affected thereby.

Notice is hereby given that the draft will be taken into consideration by the Puducherry Administration on or after the expiry of period of thirty days from the date of publication of this notification in the official gazette.

Any objection or suggestion which may be received from any person by the Government of Puducherry in respect of the said draft rules within the period specified above will be considered by the Government. The objections or suggestions should be addressed to the Secretary to Government (Environment), Chief Secretariat, Goubert Avenue, Puducherry.

DRAFT RULES

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (a) These rules may be called the Puducherry Energy Conservation Fund Rules, 2011.

(b) These rules shall come into force with effect from the date of publication in the official gazette of Puducherry.

2. *Definitions.*— In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) ‘Act’ means the Energy Conservation Act, 2001 (52 of 2001).

(b) ‘Clause’ means the clauses under the Act.

(c) ‘Designated Agency’ means the agency notified under section 15 (d) of the Act.

(d) ‘Government’ means the Administrator of the Union territory of Puducherry appointed under Article 239(1) of the Constitution.

(e) ‘Puducherry Energy Conservation Fund’ means the fund constituted under section 16 of the Act.

(f) ‘REAP’ means Renewable Energy Agency, Puducherry, the Designated Agency designated under section 15(d) of the Act.

(g) Words and expression used and not used and defined herein shall have meanings respectively assigned to them under the Act.

3. *Constitution of Puducherry State Energy Conservation Fund.*— (a) The fund shall be administered by 'The Designated Agency' designated under section 15 (4) of the Act.

(b) This fund shall be utilised for promoting energy conservation and energy efficiency in the Union territory of Puducherry.

(c) To the fund shall be credited all grants and loans that may be made by the Union territory Government or, Central Government or any other organisation or individual for the purposes of this Act.

4. *Objectives of the fund.*— To meet the expenditure incurred by the Designated Agency:—

(i) To create awareness for and disseminating information for efficient use of energy and energy conservation and for undertaking programmes for individual consumers, industries, commercial organisations, students, farmers and others.

(ii) To organise training programmes for employees and specialists pertaining to energy conservation and energy efficiency through the Designated Agency.

(iii) To perform research and development activities under Energy Conservation.

(iv) To develop procedures for testing and certification of energy consuming devices and for creation of facilities for verification, testing and certification of energy consumption in respect of equipments and appliances.

(v) To formulate and facilitate implementation of demonstration projects and pilot projects related to energy conservation and energy efficiency for encouragement and to contribute in the projects of Bureau of Energy Efficiency and the Central Government.

(vi) To promote the use of energy efficient process for equipments, devices, means and systems.

(vii) To meet the matching grant of the centrally sponsored schemes of Bureau of Energy Efficiency and Central Government through Designated Agency in the Union territory of Puducherry.

(viii) To meet the expenditure incurred by the Designated Agency in implementing the provisions of the Act.

5. *Operation of fund.*— (i) The fund shall be operated by REAP, the Designated Agency as per section 16 (4) of the Act.

(ii) The Principal Executive Officer of the Designated Agency, referred to as The Project Director, REAP' shall be empowered to incur expenditure up to ₹ 10.00 lakhs and Vice-Chairman, REAP shall be empowered to incur expenditure up to ₹ 20.00 lakhs. The Chairperson shall be empowered to incur expenditure up to ₹ 30 lakhs.

(iii) Approval of the Governing Body of REAP shall be obtained for any expenditure of above ₹ 30 lakhs and up to ₹ 50 lakhs. The Agency shall incur expenditure above ₹ 50 lakhs with the approval of the Government.

(iv) The annual income and expenditure of the Designated Agency shall be audited by a Chartered Accountant appointed by the agency.

6. *Annual report.*— The Designated Agency shall as soon as possible after the end of the financial year, but within six months of the close of the financial year submit to the Governing Body of REAP an annual report of the operations of the Designated Agency under this fund during the financial year ending 31st day of March and also indicating any new activities to be taken up by the Designated Agency under the fund in the next financial year.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

N. SUMATHI,

Deputy Secretary to Government (Environment).